

30 AUG 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM : Robert W. Gambino
Director of Security

SUBJECT : Revision of National Security Act of
1947 and the Central Intelligence Agency
Act of 1949

REFERENCE : Memorandum from General Counsel and
Legislative Counsel, dated 20 July 1976,
same Subject (DD/A 76-3581)

1. In accordance with your request and consistent with the revision effort described in reference, the Office of Security has reviewed the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949 with a view towards identifying suggested changes in these pieces of legislation to enhance the charter of the DCI and the Agency.

2. It is our view that the most important change needed in the National Security Act of 1947 is to complement the Director's responsibility for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure with an authority and means for carrying out the responsibility. To accomplish this the National Security Act might assign to the Director the explicit authority to establish investigative and adjudicative standards and procedures for granting access to any information containing sources or methods of intelligence as well as authority for establishing physical security standards for the storage and delivery of such material. Further, the CIA Act of 1949 might be amended to broaden the Director's discretionary authority under Section 102 (c) with reference to CIA applicants and employees to apply to any individual having access or being considered for access to information containing sources or methods of intelligence.

3. It is also believed that the Director's authority to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure requires that an act of willful unauthorized disclosure of sources and methods carry a statutory sanction. Any proposed revision of the National Security Act of 1947 should, therefore, consider the institution of criminal penalties for the willful disclosure of sources or methods of intelligence.

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Director of Security
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As you are aware, we are
already working on a proposed
amendment of the CIA Act of 1949
to authorize our Security Officers
and others to carry firearms.
Since this is already in the works,
we have not included the proposal
in the attached memorandum.


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